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EL SALVADOR: REY PRENDES COMMENTS ON DUARTE KIDNAPPING

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SAN SALVADOR RADIO CADENA YSU IN SPANISH 1800 GMT 30 SEP 85

((TEXT)) CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER JULIO ADOLFO REY PRENDES ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING THE KIDNAPPING OF THE DAUGHTER OF ((SALVADORAN PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON -- FBIS)) DUARTE ARE STAGNANT. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS MAINTAINING A POSITION OF SILENCE IN THIS REGARD SO THAT THE CASE IS NOT HAMPERED BY MEDIA INFORMATION, AND FOR THIS REASON IT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED WHY THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STAGNANT.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SAID THAT THE KIDNAPPERS WANT THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF INES GUADALUPE DUARTE DURAN.

THE LATEST CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS TOOK PLACE LAST FRIDAY, AND NO OTHER CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE THEN. REFERRING TO THE KIDNAPPERS, REY PRENDES SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SAID THAT THE GUERRILLAS ARE HOLDING HER. HE SAID THE FOLLOWING IN THIS REGARD:

((BEGIN RECORDING)) WE HAVE ONLY TALKED ABOUT THE PERSONS WHO HAVE POINTED TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HER. WE HAVE REFERRED TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AND TO EXPRESSIONS BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF ((WORD INDISTINCT)) WHO SAYS THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE FMLN GUERRILLAS HAVE HER.

WE HAVE COMPLETELY DISCARDED THE IDEA THAT THE KIDNAPPING WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE RIGHT. WE HAVE ALSO DISCARDED THE IDEA THAT THE KIDNAPPING WAS CARRIED OUT BY A GUERRILLA DISSIDENT GROUP SUCH AS THE CLARA ELIZABETH RAHIREZ GROUP. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS, WHICH HAVE NOT NECESSARILY RESULTED FROM COMMUNICATION WITH THE KIDNAPPERS BUT FROM OTHER SOURCES, THAT HAVE CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT IT IS THE FMLN WHO HAS KIDNAPPED INES GUADALUPE AND CECILIA VILLEDA -- FBIS)).

A PHOTO SHOWS THAT JUST AS HAS BEEN REPORTED, AND AS THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS, AND EVEN I HAVE ACCEPTED THIS, THE COMMANDO GROUP THAT KIDNAPPED HER IS KNOWN AS THE PEDRO CASTILLO COMMANDO. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES, THIS GROUP IDENTIFIES ITSELF AS AN FMLN COMMANDO. THE FACT THAT THE FMLN GENERAL COMMAND HAS NEITHER DENIED NOR CONFIRMED THIS, INDICATES THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KIDNAPPING.

THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS AND PLACING POSTERS IN THE CHALATENANGO AREA. WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE POSTERS IN WHICH THEY SPEAK OF THE PEDRO PABLO CASTILLO FRONT AS A SPECIAL FRONT OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS, ETC., AND IDENTIFY IT AS A FIFTH FMLN FRONT. ((END RECORDING))

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF

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RELEASING ((COSTA RICAN CITIZEN -- FBIS)) JULIO ROHEO TALAVERA ON A REQUEST FROM THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT BUT NOTED THAT THIS WILL BE DECIDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
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